

TOPIC: Soviet Troops at Letzing Heath

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 September 1951, railroadmen in Wolmirstedt (53/Y 61) stated that tank and artillery troops had been loaded on several trains and dispatched toward Magdeburg since the beginning of September. A telephone exchange operated by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets was located at the northern exit of Wolmirstedt. Ammunition was loaded from a boxcar on trucks at the Colbitz railroad station. Local residents said that about 300 troops with trucks and artillery pieces were entrained on 23 September. Eight artillerymen were seen resting around a camp fire on a road in the woods about 4 km north of Colbitz. Fire from rifles, machine guns and artillery pieces was heard from the wooded area west of the road. Vehicles observed on the Wolmirstedt-Dolle road.
2. Four staff cars with high ranking officers were seen driving toward Barriere Zienau on the Gardelegen-Barriere Zienau road on 25 September.
3. A convoy of eight trucks with billeting equipment was seen driving through

- * Comment. The vehicles loading ammunition from the boxcar belong to the 18th Meck Div, the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and, probably, the Third Shock Army. The vehicles observed on the Wolmirstedt-Dolle road belong to a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army, a signal unit of the Eighth Gds Army, a headquarters unit of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, the 7th Gds Meck Div, the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the GOM and to supplementary series of the Third Shock Army.
- ** Comment. The high ranking officers belong to the GOM.
- *** Comment. The convoy, which probably went to the training area of Letzing Heath, belongs to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

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